

## Don't Hurry to Find- lay River

Vancouver, B.C., March 19.—A rush to the scene of the alleged strike on the Ingenska River west fork of the Findlay River in North Central British Columbia, is strongly deprecated by Mr. Karl Douglas, a merchant of Hazelton, who is now in the city. Mr. Douglas's view is a claim there. He has recently seen in two different parties via Hazelton to ascertain the correctness of the recent reports about the existence of rich ground in that district. "I don't think the public should be acquainted with all the circumstances," said he in an interview.

"Last spring I grubstaked Louis Mero, a prospector who was going into that region on his own account. He came out last fall via Ashcroft and wintered at Calgary. He is now on his way back to the Ingenska, travelling via Quesnel. He will have to cover a distance of over seven hundred miles. Mero wrote me to supply that he had struck what he supposed to be good ground. He said he reached bedrock at a depth of eight feet, and had found gold. The letter lacked many details. Mero stated a claim for himself and one for me.

"The indefiniteness of his letter prompted me to co-operate with Mr. Wm. Ellis of this city in sending in two other parties via Hazelton. One of them has been instructed to return to Hazelton about April 1, and give the extent of the strike. If the news is favorable we will send in a party outfit with horses and supplies this spring. Mr. Ellis is also represented there by a prospector named Filmon, whom he sent in over eight months ago via Edmonton. It would be unwise for people to rush in there until further particulars have been received. They would be face to face with starvation as the Ingenska is a barren region. I don't think the number of men exceeds six or seven. Mero has two partners in his own livery. They have been spending the winter shiping and sawing lumber for the purpose of making stave boxes. The origin of the strike is in the district between two Swedes and I don't even know whether they have located on the Ingenska or somewhere else."

The Ingenska is the west fork of the Findlay river, and the latter river joins the Parmpin, forms the Peace River. The country is difficult to access via Ashcroft and Quesnel at this season of the year. In summer time the journey can be made by trail and canoe. Parties going in will be obliged to construct their own boats as the trail is a poor one.

## Dick Allen and Bob Holly Matched

Bob Holly of Edmonton, with whom Dick Allen of Strathcona has been seeking a match ever since Holly made the boast at the rink that "he will lick any man of his weight in Strathcona," has at last been brought to terms, and yesterday these lightweights were matched to box in 15 rounds in Remmie's Hall, Edmonton, on Monday evening, April 6.

## Alberta Fairs

Calgary, June 29-July 9; Edmonton, June 23-July 6; Okotoks, July 10; Innisfail, July 13-14; Wetaskiwin, July 16-17; Red Deer, July 18, 19, 20; Fort Saskatchewan August 4; Macleod, August 11, 12, 13, 14; Leduc, Oct. 13; Olds, Sept. 15, 16; Didsbury, Sept. 17; Raydon, Sept. 18, 19; Irvine, Sept. 22; Medicine Hat, 23, 24, 25; Carleton Place, Sept. 24, 25; High River, Sept. 28, 29; Plaster Creek, Oct. 29; Stratton, Oct. 30; Pridville, Oct. 31; Vegreville, Oct. 6; Vermillion, Oct. 8, 9; Viking, Oct. 13, 14; Mannville, Oct. 15, 16; St. Albert, Sept. 30; Stettler, Oct. 1, 2; Lacombe, Oct. 6, 7; Ponoka, Oct. 7, 8; Lethbridge, Oct. 12, 13; Innisfail, Oct. 14, 15; Innisfail, Oct. 16, 17; Innisfail, Oct. 18, 19.

## Strathcona Men Hon- ored

The annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge, of Alberta, was held in the town of Okotoks, on Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 17th and 18th. A large number of delegates were present from all parts of the province, and they reported the order in good condition generally. Mr. John Carmichael, of this city, had the honor of being elected Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing year by acclamation.

The officers elected were: Grand Master, J. Carmichael, Strathcona. D. G. M., W. Niblock, Medicine Hat. J. D. G. M., J. Wallace, Calgary. G. Chaplain, P. H. Clark, Calgary. G. Sec., A. Chapman, Cochrane. G. Treas., G. Ellis, Edmonton. G. Lee, A. E. Carmichael, Calgary. D. G. of C., A. L. Speer, Hardisty. D. G. Chaplain, Canon Hinch, Red Deer. D. G. Sec., A. Howard, Cochrane. Auditors, W. C. Cooper, Calgary. A. MacDonald, Edmonton.

"It was decided to hold the next Grand Lodge meeting in the city of Edmonton in March 1909. The Strathcona delegates, Messrs. J. Carmichael and A. Davidson, returned to the city on Thursday evening."

## WINNIPEG GRAIN EXCHANGE BUILDING TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION.

Winnipeg, Man., March 20.—Late to-night an official statement was issued regarding the outcome of the secret meeting of the grain exchange held this afternoon. Some two hundred members were present, and the meeting was thus representative in character, many country members being present. The council of the Exchange submitted a report which was adopted unanimously, wherein was traced the history of the half million dollar unfinished building on Lombard street, on which not only were considerable sums owed to contractors but also \$50,000 to the Dominion and \$45,000 to the Imperial Bank. Efforts had been made to raise \$50,000 in England on a mortgage, but this was dependent on the building being first completed, which had been made impossible by the drastic legislation to amend the charter and its effects on capital. The council submitted three propositions. The first proposed an assessment of \$500 on each member in order to take over the building, but this was unanimously voted down. The second declared that the Grain Exchange, owing to the confiscatory legislation, was not able to proceed with the building and suggested the contractors to be notified to that effect. This was accepted, the third proposition being made a kind of rider to it, namely, that a holding company should be formed privately to take over the property. What will happen is that the building will be put up to the highest bidder by the sheriff, and if the holding company project falls through, it will pass into alien hands. Four months ago seats on the grain exchange were sold freely at \$2,000 but the price dropped to \$500 with the passing of the amendments to the charter by the legislature, and now they cannot be given away.

## GALT'S CREDIT GOOD.

Galt's block of \$65,000 of 5 per cent debentures sold at a premium of about 2-10 per cent. Galt's reputation in these close times is not dropping in any of the estimation of financiers. The premium amounts to \$1,375.

## Seed Grain for Home- steaders

The following circular has been issued from the Seed Grain Distribution Office at Regina:—

By the original regulations governing the present seed grain distribution provision was made for supplying such settlers only as had their crop last year or had same seriously damaged by frost or hail. It has since been found that owing to the difficulty of securing seed which will germinate satisfactorily and also to the unusual scarcity of money, that many settlers will be unable to procure seed unless assistance is given. It has therefore been decided to advance seed to settlers who sowed no crop last year upon the terms previously announced. Also to sell seed for cash to farmers who are financially able to pay for same. All applications to be made through the Secretary of Local Improvement, Dominion Land Agents, Sub-land Agents, Homestead Inspectors, Immigration Agents, R. N. W. M. Police, etc., as formerly announced.

As sowing time is now near at hand settlers desiring to make application should do so immediately. Secretaries of Local Improvement Districts will also kindly rush any business of this kind which comes to them, approving or otherwise, themselves and if possible have the Chairman subscribe to same.

The prices for wheat have been fixed and are as follows, which includes all charges:—

- 1 Northern Wheat Sacked, \$1.18 per bushel.
- 2 Northern Wheat Sacked \$1.15 per bushel.
- 3 Northern Wheat Sacked \$1.07 per bushel.
- No. 4 Wheat Sacked \$1.01 per bushel.

It is expected that within a few days the prices for oats can be announced.

## ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE.

Kingston, March 20.—Charles Ben the Fort Arthur murderer, who escaped from the penitentiary a couple of years ago and was recaptured, has made another unsuccessful attempt to get through his cell bars, but was caught at the work.

## Arington Comedians

Here is what the Deadwood Pioneer Times said of this great company on its first appearance there this season:—

A flattering reception was given the Arington Comedians at the Deadwood Theatre when they opened a four nights engagement."



Scene from "Under Two Flags."

All the parts were so gracefully handled and as a whole the play afforded an evening of thorough enjoyment. The bright particular spot of the ladies Orchestra's five pieces, which is much above the average. The solo work both in the orchestra pit and on the stage was so well done that it brought forth a quality of applause that was genuine and intense."

## Hummel Released

New York, March 19.—Abraham S. Hummel, the lawyer who was sentenced to serve a year in the penitentiary for conspiracy in the Dodge-Morse divorce case, was released from prison today. His term was reduced to ten months by the allowances made for good behavior. Hummel had been notified that he could have the island on the workhouse boat at 7 o'clock this morning, but he chose to wait until the regular boat would make a special trip across the river for him. Arriving at the pier on the New York shore, Hummel and companion made a quick dash to a waiting automobile and was whisked away before anyone could put a question to Hummel. It is said that arrangements have been made by Hummel's friends for him to sail for Europe within a few days. His health has been very poor since he has been in the penitentiary and it is in the hope that it may be restored that the proposed European trip is to be undertaken.

## Fatal Mistake

El Paso, Texas, March 20.—Mounted Customs Inspector Charles Logan and Charles Jones fought a duel in the dry bed of the Rio Grande, near this city last night, and both were killed. The bodies were found today. It is supposed each mistook the other for a smuggler.

## Strike Gold on Mc- Kenzie

Dawson, March 16.—The Canadian Northwest Mounted Police expedition, which left here eighty days ago for Fort McPherson, at the mouth of the MacKenzie river, on the Arctic coast, 500 miles north of Dawson, returned to-day after fifty-six days of continuous snow-shoeing and breaking of the trail. Five men and twenty dogs were in the expedition. Three of the dogs were worked to death during the trip.

The most important news brought in by the expedition is that a rich gold strike has been made sixty miles east of Herschel Island. The news was brought to Herschel by the crew of the whaler Duchess of Bedford, which was wrecked there last spring. No details of the strike are given. It has long been understood here that gold existed near the mouth of the MacKenzie river, and old prospectors have been expecting a strike in that locality, in the hopes of another Klondike.

## Sifton Says that Bor- den is Right

The Hon. Clifford Sifton is apparently breaking away from his party in the discussion on the Railway Commission. Mon. George P. Graham declared emphatically against civil service reform. The Hon. Clifford evidently is not prepared to make such a declaration at all events open. In the reported debate on the budget the following occurs:—

"Continuing Mr. Sifton compliment of Mr. R. L. Borden on the civil service reform plank in his platform and would like to see him join forces with the Premier and put the civil service outside of control of party politics. Patronage was a nuisance in the Dominion, party men being appointed without qualification for work. He wished to see a closer relation between universities and public life."

Lauderous situation isn't it, Sifton advocating political purity.

## Sudden Death of In- spector Strickland

Inspector D. E. Strickland, commanding C. Division of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police with headquarters at Fort Saskatchewan, died very suddenly at the latter place yesterday afternoon. The deceased officer had been in poor health for some time having suffered from dropsy, and his death was not entirely unexpected. He leaves a widow and two children, a son and a daughter.

Inspector Strickland had been in the force since 1889. He and Superintendent Constantine were the first of the Mounted Police to enter the Yukon at the time of the gold rush. There they established outposts and assisted in maintaining order for three years. He was adjutant in the Fifth Canadian Mounted Rifles during the Boer war in South Africa. He was born at Lakeside, near Peterboro, Ontario.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon with military honors.

## REVOLUTIONARY RIOTING.

Berlin, March 19.—A total of forty-seven arrests were made in Berlin yesterday in connection with the suffrage demonstrations. Nine policemen sustained injuries in the encounters with the people. It is estimated that fifty of the manifestants were wounded, but it is probable that many others were hurt also, as the authorities have no record of those who went home and attended to their own injuries.

## RUNAWAYS LOCATED

The two fair and youthful runaway maidens from Medicine Hat, Virginia Dixon and Mabel Gay, have been found in Lethbridge. A C. P. R. employee, noticing two girls in the southern town whom he thought answered the description pretty well, telephoned the Calgary police that they were staying at the Arlington hotel, Lethbridge. Upon being notified to this effect, Mr. Digons, the father of the eldest girl, left for Lethbridge last night, and will take the girls directly back to Medicine Hat with him.

## Dug Into Dynamite

Kenora, March 21.—A Beattie, a Scotchman employed in the construction camp of Chambers Brothers about 25 miles north of here was yesterday digging in a hole in which some dynamite had been placed and was supposed to have been discharged, when his pick struck the dynamite and it exploded, killing him instantly.

## Shot a Chinaman

(Special to The Chronicle).

Montreal, March 21.—Two men last evening entered the laundry of Hop Lee, a Chinaman and one of them producing tickets from another laundry demanded his washing. The Chinaman tried to explain, but having only a limited command of English was unable to do so, to the satisfaction of the infuriated white men one of whom produced a revolver and shot the Chinaman dead.

## JAPAN WILL WELCOME AMERICAN FLEET.

(Special to The Chronicle).

Tokio, March 21.—The Government officials and naval officers here are highly pleased at the acceptance of the invitation given by the Japanese Government for a visit of the United States fleet to this city. Foreign Minister Hayashi considers that this visit will afford an opportunity to Japan to demonstrate the sincerity of her friendship for the United States.

## NEW BRUNSWICK'S NEW GOVERN- MENT.

(Special to The Chronicle).

St. John, March 21.—The Hon. J. D. Hazen is now premier of New Brunswick. The new government is as follows:—

- J. D. Hazen, premier and attorney-general.
- J. K. Fleming, provincial secretary.
- John Morrissey, commissioner of public works.
- W. G. Grimmer, surveyor-general.
- D. V. Landry, commissioner of agriculture.
- H. F. McLeod, solicitor-general.
- Robert Maxwell, minister without portfolio.

## GERMAN JOURNALISTS WERE OFFENDED.

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Berlin, March 20.—During the debate of the colonial budget yesterday Herr Erbenberg, Centrist, made a speech in which he referred to the government's treatment of negroes in the colonies and made use of the phrase, "a negro has also an immortal soul." As the speaker passed after this remark, jeering expressions were heard from the gallery, some of which appeared to come from the press division. Members of the Centre party at once rose to their feet in indignation and Herr Broeder, leader, pointed to the journalists' tribune and shouted "awake!" This resulted in a general uproar, whereupon the president raised the bell and threatened to clear the galleries.

Later representatives of the press met and passed a resolution of protest, which was read to the House by Heinrich F. Mueller, member for Meiningen. The president of the House then made a statement which did not satisfy the journalists and they again met and voted to go on strike unless an adequate apology was made for the insult to the newspaper profession. A deputaion was sent to the president to inform him of this decision.





## Chronicle Literary Columns

The next seven or eight months passed rapidly for Alwyn Bennett, so rapidly that at times it seemed to him as if he were living in a dream. It had been a violent change for him, from a life of elegant idling among his own class, from a succession of days in which the biggest interest was a game of polo and the hardest work the arrangement of his list of social duties, to a life spent among all sorts and conditions of men, full of arduous hand-shaking and campaigning, and punctuated with speeches which required hard mental work for their preparation as well as physical energy for their delivery.

To the surprise of the majority of his friends, Alwyn was an unequalled success as a campaigner. Although he had inherited wealth and one of the most respected names in the country, there was nothing of the snob about Alwyn. His impassivity of countenance and coolness of demeanor, which had been taken as evidence of stolidity while he was wasting his time, became the indications of strength and bottom in the young man who was making the most exciting campaign that the city had known in years.

Alwyn in a half-joking spirit had turned out to help his friend Lorimer in the campaign of a year before. He had learned at that time that he was possessed of the mysterious faculty which enabled him to hold the attention of an assemblage of men, to assume or arouse them with his speech to sway them to his will.

Now he was using that power in so earnest, and putting every ounce of energy that there was in him to the test. His friends had always said of him that it was hard to start him fighting, but once started a great deal harder to stop him. Now he was fairly started.

It was an up-bill fight at the first, but he fought it without flinching on the back platform of carts addressing street crowds, in vacant lots or stores addressing noon-day meetings in the business district, on the platforms of big, crowded halls addressing mass-meetings in the evening.

Horigan let him alone after a few hints at the outset. He realized that his candidate would do better without interference, and he had other details to attend to.

The night of the election seemed like a nightmare to Alwyn. He sat in an inner room in the campaign headquarters with Horigan and a few of the other leaders in the party. From time to time bulletins of the election were brought in, from time to time bursts of cheering from the street penetrated within the closed doors.

At eleven o'clock it was all over. Alwyn Bennett had swept the city and was chosen as the next mayor, the youngest mayor that the city had ever known.

He did not sleep that night, nor did he speak much to those who crowded around him to congratulate him on his success. He was thinking of other things. He could see now that there were larger possibilities thrust upon him.

He had entered into this fight on account of Dallas. She was now-broad, in Paris, he had heard, and sometimes he hoped that she was following his campaign through the newspapers which were sent to her.

It was characteristic of him, that he never once wrote to her during the campaign. He had told her that he was going to make something of himself. It would be time enough to write to her when he had fulfilled his promise.

He saw now that this making something of himself meant more than he had thought at the first. It meant more than success or personal achievement; it meant ideals, honor, a sense of responsibility and duty to the people of the city who had chosen him.

He had aroused them many things—a clean administration, a rigid economy of all city expenditures, an ad-

ministration for the people, free and clear from any domination of the party bosses. He remembered these promises on the night of his triumph.

He had heard politicians speak cynically in regard to these pledges, but he meant to keep them, and it was firm in that intention that he took his oath of office and entered upon his duties as mayor.

Many things that might have been made difficult for another man were easy to Alwyn on account of the reputation that his father had left behind him. All through the personnel of the city government were people who had loved and respected his father, the general, people who owed much to him and were prepared to pay their debt of gratitude in helping his son in every way possible.

The doorkeeper of the mayor's office in the City Hall was a Grand Army man who had fought under the general in the great war and had afterwards served under him in private life.

As Alwyn listened to his praise of his dead leader, he understood more fully the obligations that came to him with such a parentage; he could see more clearly why it was that his mother worshipped his father's memory with such fervor, why it had become of the most beautiful thing in her life.

The path, however, of a public official is never a path of roses. There were people who wanted things which he felt that he must refuse if he wished to keep his oath of office.

Many of these people had been among his supporters in the campaign and did not hesitate to refer to that. Nor did Alwyn hesitate in refusing them special privileges. He felt that he was making enemies, but he could tell from the tone of the city newspapers that he was making friends also, not among politicians, perhaps, but among the people who had voted for him.

There were pleasant things about the office, too. There were petty wrongs that he could put right, there were chances to help people legitimately. He had been of some help to

Cynthia Garrison.

A year or so previously her father, a bank president, had shot himself. It was discovered that he had been speculating with the trust funds in his care and just that he had committed suicide to avoid the consequences, and had died a beggar as well as a suicide.

Rumor said that another financier had deliberately led him into the trap and won through his loss, profited through his death, and escaped scot-free. At any rate, Cynthia, born and brought up to wealth, had been left penniless. She had refused to become a burden on her wealthier friends, she had refused to marry, although Perry Wainwright, Dallas' brother, who was to come into plenty of money, had wanted her to.

She was now working in the mayor's office, an assistant to his secretary. Alwyn had been able to do that much for her. He had the satisfaction of knowing that now, after all the trouble which she had gone through, after the loss of her brother, who had mysteriously disappeared after the terrible disgrace attending her father's death, she was now happy again, pleasantly employed, with a chance to forget in her work something of what she had undergone.

Alwyn had often wondered what had become of young Garrison, whom he had remembered slightly as a freshman at Yale. He had helped Cynthia in the efforts she had made to find his whereabouts, but all the efforts had been fruitless.

At present, however, Alwyn had little time to think of Cynthia and her troubles. There were other things of greater present importance to occupy his mind. For sometime past he had not altogether liked the attitude taken by Horigan, the party boss, who, with Wainwright, had offered him the nomination. Of Wainwright he saw but little, although he expected to see a little more of him now that Dallas was returning from Europe.

Horigan, however, seemed to feel that the mayor's office belonged to him. He had never had any disagreement

with Alwyn, but the latter had felt for some time that a disagreement of some kind was imminent.

After his usual fashion he had preserved an unmoved appearance, but he had been doing a lot of thinking. He began to understand what "boss" in a party really meant, and he knew that there must be a fight very soon to decide whether Horigan was his "boss" as he had been the "boss" of a good many of the previous mayors and city officials.

This winter morning, as he threw aside his coat, lit a cigar and picked up a document that lay uppermost on the pile of papers with which the big table in the mayor's office was stacked, he felt the fight was likely to come off very soon.

The paper was a copy of the Borough Street Railway Franchise bill which had been passed by the Board of Aldermen, and was now awaiting his signature.

Alwyn had spent more than one hard night in consultation with the corporation counsel, and in careful study of what the bill meant. If Alwyn had any idea of its purpose, it was to appropriate from the city of priceless franchises in perpetuity.

An interview that he had held that morning with Phelan, leader of the Eighth, the biggest power in the city outside of Horigan, had made this opinion stronger.

Phelan was a stranger man, but of a different type from Horigan, more generous, more good-natured, not quite so forceful in manner, a little more of the fox and perhaps not quite so much of the bulldog. Phelan had come to him that morning and advised him not to sign the franchise bill, declaring that it was the worst steal that the city had known in a generation, and that if Alwyn signed it he would be remembered all his life as the mayor who had permitted the steal to be made.

Phelan had never been noted as a reform force in politics, but he was an enemy of Horigan's, and Alwyn saw instinctively that his advice was good. The mayor had been nominated

and elected by the Horigan wing of the party, but he felt that something as he and Phelan shook hands at their interview that he was a man more after his own heart than Horigan, and more likely to be his friend in a struggle to give the city a clean administration.

Later that morning he had seen Wainwright, the head of the rival city railroad company. To his great surprise Wainwright had announced himself as in favor of the bill. Alwyn had asked him for reasons, and Wainwright had gone into a long discussion of right in his smooth, crafty fashion, the stimulus that competition gave to the service on rival city lines and the financial injury that it would work to the widows and orphans who held stock in the Borough Street Railroad if the bill were voted.

Alwyn had a keen remembrance of various times in Wainwright's career when he had not regarded the value of competition, but he had stamped it out ruthlessly. Also he felt that the expressions of concern for the small investors in the stock came peculiarly from such thin cruel lips.

He was puzzled as he sat down to glance over the bill once more, but sprang up with an exclamation of old surprise when the old doorkeeper, who had served under his father, came in and laid two cards on the table. One of the cards was from his mother, the other bore the name of Dallas Wainwright.

Alwyn was shaking her by the hand a moment later, all thought of the franchise bill out of his head. For the moment the man of affairs and responsibilities had disappeared and left the boy who had played tennis and fished and enjoyed youth and outdoor sport with Dallas a year before.

His face changed, however, as Mr. Scott Gibbs, looking very handsome and delectable, entered the room, bowing and smiling in most courteous fashion.

Mr. Gibbs, it seems, had met the ladies at the Wainwright's, and had been gallant enough to offer to escort

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 and First Street West, George Watson  
 aged 47. Mr. Watson was a na-  
 tive of Belfast, Ireland, and came to  
 Strathcona two years ago since when  
 he has been in business in this city  
 He leaves a wife and family.  
 The funeral will take place from the fam-  
 ily residence at 2.30 p.m. on Monday.

Mary Elizabeth McPhedran the ten  
 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.  
 McPhedran died last night at the fam-  
 ily residence beyond Avenue North and  
 1st Street West. The funeral takes  
 place to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon  
 at 1.30. The Rev. J. T.  
 Johnston will officiate. Mr. and Mrs.  
 McPhedran came to Strathcona from  
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them to the mayor's office. He seemed  
 to be in high good humor. "There,"  
 he said, indicating Alwyn with a  
 wave of his cane, "this is the man  
 who, with a stroke of his pen, can  
 send Borough stock up to ninety  
 or a hundred and down to practically  
 nothing. The most amusing thing that  
 he intended to veto the franchise  
 caused the stock to break eight points  
 to-day."

Gibbs beamed upon the mayor, and  
 the ladies looked at him admiringly  
 but Alwyn's face was set like a mask  
 he had within the consciousness that  
 the fight was on. He had felt that  
 it was coming—the fight over the  
 franchise bill.

He knew in this fight that Hoffman  
 was his enemy, and, since this morn-  
 ing, that Wainwright would fight him  
 too. Now he saw in a flash that Gibbs  
 was arrayed against him.

He had some idea of the Gibbs  
 method of fighting. He remembered  
 certain incidents in his college career.  
 He had often seen that smile on Gibbs  
 face, and he knew that it generally  
 meant a mean unexpected blow. His  
 jaw set hard.

"Are you going to veto it?" asked  
 Dallas innocently. She was thinking  
 more of the man than of the bill at  
 the present moment, wondering at the  
 change that had taken place in him,  
 hoping that she had had some share  
 in it.

Gibbs interrupted before the mayor  
 could answer.

"He can't tell you," he said. "It  
 wouldn't be fair to his friends. You  
 see, it's generally understood that the  
 men back of the bill are those who  
 gave him his present opportunity, and  
 it would not be right to use his power  
 to the disadvantage of those who  
 gave it to him."

Alwyn could understand now what  
 Gibbs was doing, what he was attempt-  
 ing with this smooth, easy flowing  
 stream of talk.

They were both in love with Dallas,  
 and Gibbs would take care that he  
 did not appear in too good a light in  
 her eyes.

He did not answer but sat down and  
 began to run over the papers on his  
 desk.

Gibbs turned to Dallas. "It's only  
 repeating what I have heard on the  
 street," he said. "I am glad that the  
 break came to-day. It enabled people  
 to buy a stock that should be good  
 at a low figure. For my own part, I  
 don't mind telling you that our own  
 firm invested pretty heavily in it. You  
 see how fully I am placing myself at  
 the mayor's mercy when I tell him  
 this."

Bennett sprang to his feet. He had  
 none of the subtlety of Gibbs, none  
 of the graceful courtesy and smooth-  
 ness of speech, but he was in no wise  
 lacking in the ability to speak for  
 himself.

"This isn't fair," he said, walking  
 toward Gibbs and addressing himself  
 directly to him. "You have no right  
 to come here and thrust this informa-  
 tion upon me. That you tell me will  
 not influence me in the least."

Alwyn's directness of speech, his  
 steady glance, a latent power in his  
 personality that became evident at a  
 moment like this, were too much for  
 the urbane Gibbs. He lost that grace-  
 ful characteristic. He stammered,  
 his composure that was his most no-  
 ble and finally bowed himself out, saying  
 that his time was short and that he  
 must get back to "the Street."

A moment later the mayor was al-  
 one with Dallas, his mother having  
 gone off to visit for a few moments  
 with Crabbe Garrison, whom she  
 loved and pitied. For a few moments  
 the mayor chatted with Dallas, ask-  
 ing her for news of her trip abroad,  
 listening to accounts of her glorious  
 holiday on the Mediterranean, in  
 Egypt and France.

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